



Richards Library

2023 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

9,652 VISITORS



Wifi



2,967

TIMES ACCESSED

eBook



1,743

DOWNLOADS

HOW WE GOT IT DONE

IN 2023

Chess Homeschool Countryside
 Origami Birding **Summer Reading**
 Films YA Room Sign Language
 Archive **More** Community Room
 STEM **Audiobooks**
 Farmers' Market Lego Food for Fines
 Constellation Sewing Tech Classes
 Reduced Fees Puzzles

Card Holders



1,499

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Programs



70

PROGRAMS

525

ATTENDANCE

14,656



Items Borrowed

41,261

Items in the Collections



Report from the Director

2023 - A year of moving stuff around and adding more resources.

We completed reorganizing and developing the YA Room, in which we added a Community Puzzle Corner (no library card needed to borrow) and shelf for our "Library of Things". So far there is a birding pack; 2 outdoor exploration packs; expansion plant, animal, and constellation guides; and additional books to enhance learning - all available for check out!

We expanded our children's holiday section to include more cultures, and added sign language flashcards and other resources in the children's non-fiction section (library use only). We moved the adult reference materials to make more space for large type books.

We had an increase in sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program, went to 5 of 6 Riverside Farmers' Market Festivals, brought books to Countryside twice a month, hosted film afternoons in the Community Room, held various STEM programs with Logan, made Gnome ornaments during Christmas in Warrensburgh, and our annual Food for Fines donation to the Presbyterian Food Pantry.

We reduced copy and fax prices at start of year, and removed or reduced library fines at the end. There has been increased use of the Community Room, which is free to use outside of library programs.

Thanks to a past bequeathment, we were able to have paintings cleaned or refurbished and then hung in the Adult Room.

We have continued organization and accessioning of our "artifacts", and changed what is in the display cases.

There are still new weekly take home crafts, and we started new programs:

- Sewing with Sarah,
- Homeschool Meet-up,
- Back to School Supplies Drive,
- OATS tech classes from AARP,
- Chess/Lego/Origami Days.

We were fortunate to receive donations from Jeffrey Levine towards our Community Room (named in his honor), bequeathments from past community members, a Birding Pack from the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, a Jazz II sewing machine, and so many audiobooks.